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SUBJECT: GOVERNMENT LEADES QUARTERS

REF: A) DAMASCUS 1255

B) HONES/LEE TELCON 25 JUN 74

1. BEGIN SUMMARY: IN LIGHT OF BUREAU GUIDANCE GIVEN IN REF (B) APARTMENT HUNTING TODAY TOOK A DRASTIC TURN AND SELECTION BECAME VERY LIMITED. SEARCH WILL CONTINUE AFTER THIS CABLE SENT AND RESULTS OF EFFORT WILL BE PASSED LATER TODAY(26JUN 74) EITHER CABLE OR TELCON. BELOW IS SUMMARY OF TODAYS ACTIVITY. ALL PRICES QUOTED IN US DOLLARS (RATE 3.60 SYRIAN POUNDS EUAL DOLLARS ONE) ALL LEASES PAID IN SYRIAN POUNDS ONLY. END SUMMARY

2. APARTMENT MENTIONED IN REFTEL (A) PARA 4 HAS ENDED UP LIKE THIS. OWNER WILLING TO REMOVE FURNATURE PRICE HAS GONE UP RPT UP FOR THIS BUT LENGTH OF ADVANCE HAS COME DOWN. FINAL RPT FINAL FOR THIS APARTMENT IS AS FOLLOWS: TERMS DOLLARS 6,100 PER YEAR. THIRTEEN MONTH ADVANCE OCCUPANCY -IMMEDIATE. POST ADVISES BUREAU TO TAKE THIS DUE TO LOCATIONAND RELATIVELY LOW COST. SEVEN YEAR LEASE AGREED BY OWNER

3. APARTMENT MENTIONED IN REFTEL (A) PARA 5 NOW FIRMED UP AND OCCUPANCY CAN BE IMMEDIATE. FINAL RPT FINAL FOR THIS APARTMENT IS AS FOLLOWS: TERMS DOLLARS 3100 PER YEAR.

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EIGHTEEN MONTHS ADVANCE. OCCUPANCY IMMEDIATE. SEVEN

YEAR LEASE AGREED BY OWNER. DUE TO LOCATION AND LOW COST POST ADVISED BUREAU TO CONSIDER RENTING THIS PARTMENT.

4. TODAY (26 JUN) FOUND THE FOLLOWSING

A) LOVELY THREE BEDROOM APARTMENT WITH LARGE LIVING/ DINING AREA, LARGE KITCHEN, STUDY, AND PLENTY OF CLOSET SPACE. ONE DRAWBACK IS LOCATION. THIS APARTMENT IS LOCATED ABOUT TWENTY-FIVE MIN FROM EMBASSY IN NEWLY DEVELOPED AREA . BECASUE OF DISTANCE FROM TOWN AND RELATIVELY NEW AREA PRICE FOR QUALITY IS DOWN DRASTICALLY FROM THOSE APARTMENTS LOCATED NEAR EMBASSY AREA. HOWEVER APARTMENT IS REALLY A NICE ONE. TERMS DOLLARS 6,000.00 PER YEAR. ADVANCE IS EIGHTEEN MONTHS. LEASE WILL BE FOR SEVEN YEARS.

B) SMALL TWO BEDROOM APARTMENT IDEAL FOR SECRETARY OR SINGLE C&R TYPE. LOCATION IS NEAR EMBASSY (ABOUT THREE MIN DRIVE) OWNER ORIGINALLY ASKED DOLLARS 4200 FOR THIS APARTMENT. FINAL FIGURE AND TERMS ARE : DOLLARS 3,800.00 PER YEAR. ADVANCE IS TWO YEARS. LEASE WILL BE SEVEN YEARS.

5. NO PROGRESS ON POSSIBLE DCM RESIDENCE EITHER APARTMENT OR HOUSE. ALSO NO PROGRESS ON HIGHER PRICES GOOD QUALITY HOUSING FOR CHIEF OF SECTIONS, MANY APARTMENTS WERE STUDIES BUT UNDER GROUND RULES IN REF (B) NONE OF THESE POSSIBLE.

6. ON SUBJECT OF GLQ POST HAS REQUESTED AMEMBASSY BEIRUT TO QUOTE PRICES OF REFRIGERATORS AND STOVES. PLEASE ADVISE IF YEAR END FUNDS AVAILABLE TO COVER THIS TYPE OF PURCHASE. POST STILL HAS A FEW OLD RPT OLD APPLIANCES FROM 1967 BUT THEIR CONDITION POOR AND POSSIBILITIES OF REPAIR LOOK SLIM.

7.PLEASE ADVISE YOUR THOUGHTS ABOVE VIA TELCON. ADMIN OFF LEE WILL BE AT HOME (DAMSCUS TEL 554226) FROM 1130 RPT 1130 UNTIL 1330 RPT 1330 WASHONGTON RPT WASHONGTON TIME AND AFTER AT DUTY COMMUNICATOR HOUSE (PARTYING) TEL 332557 IMI 332557 UNTIL APPROXIMATELY  
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